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DPP Prosecutor Attends U.S. Training

From February 4-16, 2012, Kenyan prosecutor Peter Kiprop of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions attended a U.S. Department of Justice criminal trial advocacy seminar at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina (NAC). This is a prestigious international course focusing on all aspects of trial preparation and presentation with special emphasis on ethics and professionalism. Other participants included prosecutors from Pakistan and the Philippines. Kiprop handles murder and corruption cases and is posted in Kisumu.

As part of the U.S. training tour, the delegates met with key agencies in the region, including the U.S. Attorney's Office; U.S. District Court; and the South Carolina Supreme Court. Additional meetings were held with NAC administrators to discuss developing a national training strategy for the Kenyan prosecution service. This program provided key skills training to the prosecutors and substantially strengthened important US Embassy partnerships in the region. Three other Kenyan prosecutors attended this same course in September 2011.

The Department of Justice, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training (OPDAT) through its Resident Legal Advisor (RLA), provides advice and technical assistance to judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers in Kenya and the region to improve their ability to prosecute complex money laundering, terrorism, and terrorism financing offenses.



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